

MOVING TO IRELAND

A SEMINAR SERIES FOR THOSE CONTEMPLATING A MOVE TO IRELAND

Where to Start - Research

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Session 2: Where to Start – Research



Grace McGettigan is a Digital Content Executive at Citizens Information Board. Based in Dublin, Ireland, Grace's role involves managing the Returning to Ireland portal on the Citizens Information website, citizensinformation.ie. The portal, which is funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs, is designed to equip Irish citizens living overseas with the information they need to plan a new life at home. Grace also engages directly with the Irish diaspora via the returning2ireland@ciboard.ie inbox, responding to queries and welcoming feedback about how to better meet your needs. Whether you're returning home to work, to retire, or just to be closer to family, Grace's goal is to guide you through the practicalities of returning to Ireland, using Plain English.


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Sarah Owen is Project Leader with Crosscare Irish Diaspora Support Project, a Dublin based non-profit funded by the Government of Ireland to provide information and advocacy assistance to Irish citizens moving abroad and returning to Ireland – particularly people returning with complex needs.

A dual Irish and French citizen with lived experience of emigration, Sarah has resided in Ireland since 2004. She has worked in the area of Irish diaspora support and engagement for over 10 years, and is passionate about supporting people to make informed migration decisions.

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The Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers

The Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers advances its members through collaboration and education to benefit the Global Irish in the United States.



Collaboration

Works within a committee structure to examine the needs of the Global Irish in the United States, as well as strengthen the impact of its membership.

Learning

Provides impactful learning opportunities for its membership & diaspora partners on timely topics relevant to the Irish community.

Sharing

Sources and distributes current, accurate and reliable information on U.S. immigration policy and enforcement.

Cultivation

Cultivates and strengthens ties with Irish Diaspora groups globally through strategic interactions and collaborative opportunities.



The Irish Diaspora Center's mission is to strengthen our heritage by providing the Irish Diaspora in the Greater Philadelphia area with consular, immigration and community-building social services.

Advocacy.

- US Immigration & Legal Services
- Mental Health Services
- Case Management
- Irish Diaspora Educational Alliance

Community.

- Senior Citizen Programming
- Foróige & Youth Programs
- Gathering Space for Community Groups

Discovery.

- Geneological Courses
- Traditional Story Telling for Families
- Heritage Programs



Disclosure Information

The information and resources shared in this presentation are intended for general information purposes only. Each individual circumstance will result in specialized research and planning as it relates to considering a move to Ireland. We hope you find the information presented as a good starting point for your research, but encourage you to reach out to the organizations and support services mentioned to make a specified plan, based on your needs for your intended move.

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Where to Start When Considering a Move to Ireland

Research

Crosscare Irish Diaspora Support Project

- Emigrant Support Programme funded Irish non-profit organisation, established in 1987
- Information and advocacy support for Irish people leaving or returning to Ireland, including:
 - ✓ Immigration requirements for non-Irish partners and spouses
 - ✓ Returning with children / to retire / in crisis
 - ✓ Assistance with social welfare applications / appeals
- Contact : irishdiasporasupport@crosscare.ie / +353 (0)1 891 3050
- diasporasupport.ie



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Where to Start

- Do your research
- Make a plan
- Prepare for the move
- Gather your [essential documents](#)

- Housing crisis
 - Arrange accommodation beforehand.
- Renting a home
 - References
 - 1 month of rent up front, plus deposit equivalent of 1 month of rent
 - Supports for tenants (HAP, Rent tax credit)
- Buying a home
 - Mortgage options, supports for 1st time buyers.

- Public Healthcare vs Private Healthcare
 - [HIA comparison tool](#)
- ‘Ordinary residence’
- Medical Cards, GP visit cards & other supports

Sources of Support & Information

- Crosscare Irish Diaspora Support Project – diasporasupport.ie
- Safe Home Ireland – safehomeireland.com
- Citizens Information – citizensinformation.ie
- Government of Ireland – [Gov.ie](https://gov.ie)
- Health Services Executive – [Hse.ie](https://hse.ie)
- Department of Foreign Affairs – [Dfa.ie](https://dfa.ie)



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Advice From Others

- [Irish expats returning to Ireland](#) ([Facebook group](#))
- [The Ireland Move Club](#) (Forum)
- [From my home to yours](#) (Podcast)
- [Irish Times Abroad](#) (Newspaper)



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Wellbeing Tips

- Manage your expectations
- Accept that it takes time to adjust
- Embrace change
- Consider challenges
- Reach out for support



- 'Returning to Ireland' portal on citizensinformation.ie
- Managed and regularly updated by Citizens Information Board
- Funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs



Immigration Permissions

- Check your immigration permissions
 - Differences for Irish citizens vs non-Irish citizens
 - Consider who's travelling with you (spouse, de-facto partner, children)
- PPS number (Personal Public Service Number)
 - Similar to a social security number
 - Needed for many public services and benefits
 - Check if you already have one, and if not, apply for one



- Ship your personal belongings to Ireland
- Claim relief from customs charges ('Transfer of residence' form)
- Bring your pets to Ireland with you



- Drive in Ireland using your USA licence for up to 12 months
- After 12 months, apply for an Irish driving licence and complete the full driver licensing procedure



- Visit citizensinformation.ie/en/returning-to-ireland
- Email queries to returning2ireland@ciboard.ie
- Thank you, and best of luck!



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